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Dear Bob,

Now that the insanity is over, some random thoughts.

I spoke with Joe Burrel at the parade Saturday. It seems that he and several others (?) seem to feel that we've lost our original focus. He mentioned that we restoring the post office, whatever that means, and we seem to have given up on City Hall. After I finished choking the life out of him, I politely stated that I felt he was wrong, but maybe you could get in contact with him, and sooth his feelings.

Also, a number of people have asked if it really is true that we're staring a museum. I realize that's an incredibly large undertaking and that we could be accussed of "losing our focus", but I really think it's something we should consider. It certainly doesn't have to be anything too outrageous (not yet, anyway) but I deeply believe that it's an idea we should check out. Maybe we could get those cars from Lanesboro in it!

Back on City Hall, don't laugh, but one person suggested that maybe some ordinary household type cleaner (Fantastic, Formula 409, etc.) and a lot of elbow grease would be able to clean the bluestone or maybe even the bricks. It's certainly worth a try--maybe we could test it around the entrance and see what happens.

Tomorrow I plan on writing yet another letter to the arts council asking about getting something going in 301. Do you think I should also write another letter to George Hart regarding the idea of perhaps our (ahem) august committee sponsoring a steam locomotive ride in the witer? I can't think of anything that goes better in witer than a steam passenger train!

One last point. For next years lectures, I'd like to talk on restoring and preserving old photographs, and either breakers and/or gargoyles. What do you think?

Well, time to go. As you can see by the typing, I've been going all day--two completed stories, twenty prints, two rolls of film, and several sheets. It's now about 1:00am, and I'm falling asleep on the keyboard.

Sincerely,
Bob Tonaie

P.S.
When you come in on the 10th(?), be sure to bring some applications. I've got a couple of "live ones."